interest on deposits from public in Scheduled Commercial banks in force at present are given below:—

Period of Deposits		Rate of interest per annum (%)
(1)	46 days to less than one year	9.00
(2)	1 year to less than 2 years	10.00
(3)	2 years to less than 3 years	11.00
(4)	3 years and above	13.00

Strike by Autorickshaw and Taxi Drivers In Delhi

5325. DR. C. SILVERA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether autorickshaw and taxi drivers recently went on strike in Delhi in protest against the introduction of electronic digital fare meters;

(b) if so, what are their grievances; and

(c) the action taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement is enclosed.

(c) No decision has been taken by Delhi Administration regarding the installation of electronic digital fare meters.

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b) Their main grievances against the installation of electronic digital fare meters are as under:—

— Electronic fare meter is a failure in Bombay.

— There is no factory to supply sufficient quantity.

— The Weights and Measures Deptt. has not approved it.

— It will increase the financial burden on the drivers of Auto-rickshaws and Taxis.

— These meters have not been so far tested on road.

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— These are more expensive.

— These are unreliable.

— It is necessary to buy a 12 Volt Battery.

— These can be tampered.

— There is no machinery and equipment device to test it.

— Dash Board is necessary.

— These work only under ideal conditions like Airconditioning etc.

— Auto-rickshaw owners are poor persons and can not afford it.

— Its components are not easily available.

— Insurance companies will charge more because electronic meter is a luxury item.

— Replacement of electronic meters will be heavy if stolen or damaged.

Revised Rates of Autorickshaw and Taxi Fares

5326. DR. C. SILVERA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the fares of autorickshaws and taxis have been revised recently;

(b) if so, the details of the revised fare structure;

(c) whether the Government propose to get the revised fares calibrated in the fare meters of these vehicles; and

(d) if so, the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The fares of autorickshaw and taxis have been revised with effect from 26.7.91. The details are as under:—

(i)	*Autorickshaws*	
	Initial fare for Ist Kilometre	Rs. 3.50
	Subsequent fare per kilometre	Rs. 1.80
(ii)	*Taxis*	
	Initial fare for Ist kilometre	Rs. 5.80
	Subsequent fare per kilometre	Rs. 3.60

(c) and (d). The calibration of fare table is a time consuming process as it is to be done by changes in the meters. In the meantime drivers of the autorickshaws and taxis have been provided with conversion tables from old fares to new fares.

Promotions under Flexible complementing Scheme

5327. SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer state to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 710 on July 26, 1991 and:

(a) the list of the departments in which the flexible complementing scheme has been introduced for promotions;

(b) the categories of employees covered under the scheme; and

(c) the manner in which the scheme helps in quick promotions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE): (a). No such information is centrally maintained.